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Christine Anderson



Christine is the Education Associate for Head Start, Family, and Health in the Delaware Department of Education's Office of Early Learning. Prior to this role, Christine worked for the Office of Head Start's Training and Technical Assistance Network, where she managed a team of early childhood education consultants across five states and the District of Columbia, including Delaware.

Christine has over 15 years of experience in the field of early childhood development, family engagement, and professional development, including the management of various quality enhancement grants and contracts servicing federal, state, and privately funded early child development programs.

A native of Delaware, Christine earned both her Master of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies and Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Community Services from the University of Delaware.

Heidi Beck

Heidi is the Director of New Directions Early Head Start at the University of Delaware. She has been involved with New Directions Early Head Start in various capacities since 1998. In addition, she serves as Clinical Director in the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood. She coordinates the field experiences for 80 plus students in HDFs 470 each semester as well as guest lectures. She serves on numerous committees and stakeholder groups in the state focused on early care and education.

Heidi currently serves on the Governor-appointed Delaware Early Care and Education Council. In addition, she currently serves as the Delaware Head Start Association, President and the Secretary of the Wilmington Early Care and Education Council. Throughout her career, Heidi has focused on quality inclusive programs for children and their families, community collaborations and professional development.



Rosanne Griff-Cabelli



Rosanne Griff-Cabelli is the Department of Health and Social Services Chief Administrator for the Planning, Coordination and Quality Control Unit. In her current position she is the Supervisor and Manager of the Birth to Three Early Intervention System, Quality Control Unit under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, Medicaid, and Child Care, and Chairperson of the DHSS Human Subjects Review Board.

Leadership roles include Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Board (EHDl), State Systemic Improvement Plan for Part C of IDEA, and other initiatives relating to young children and their families.



Amelia Hodges

Dr. Hodges has more than 20 years of service in Delaware's public education system. She was a teacher in the Christina and Smyrna school districts and served at the department in a variety of roles including education associate, director and associate secretary.

Most recently Dr. Hodges served as the Supervisor of Support Services at Sussex Technical School District before rejoining the department in January 2016.

Dr. Hodges graduated from Concord High School and is a three-time graduate of the University of Delaware where she earned her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Education, and Doctor of Education degrees.



Julie D. Johnson

Julie is the current owner/administrator for Tender Loving Kare and TLK Academy Child Care Centers. Julie was also a Teacher at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Columbia Maryland. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Wilmington College in General Education/Early Childhood Education.

Julie is a current member of Delaware's Early Learning Professional Development Strategic Planning Committee.



Dr. Michelle Shaivitz

Michelle brings years of experience working in education, nonprofits, and community engagement. Dr. Shaivitz has worked in a variety of roles, from program development and implementation to education coordination and school improvement.

She earned her doctorate degree in Education and Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University, and she's been the recipient of numerous awards, including the coveted Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service Medal. Dr. Shaivitz is an accomplished leader with a passion for education.



Steven E. Yeatman

Steve Yeatman serves as Chief Policy Advisor for the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families. Prior to his current position, Steve served as the Deputy Director for the statewide Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services. In this role, he was responsible for the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder services for Delaware children and youth who were receiving Medicaid or who were uninsured. In 2011, Governor Jack Markell appointed to Steve to the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council.

During his career, Steve simultaneously served in the United States Army Reserve and Pennsylvania National Guard for 20 years, retiring from military service in 2010. Before retirement, he earned the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Iraq and the Meritorious Service Medal. He obtained an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, a B.A. in Sociology, and a Master's in Education.